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1. A method for facilitating worldwide commercial electronic commerce based on national deployment, comprising the steps of:
    - receiving a request from a requester through a network for total landed cost of a purchase based on initial cost of a seller item for an inter-country transaction,
    - determining, from a database, trade costs associated with the purchase, and
    - adding the trade costs to the initial cost resulting in the total landed cost.

1           2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2           receiving, through the network, an identity of a country the  
3 item is to be shipped from and an identity of a country the item is  
4 to be shipped to, and

5           receiving, from the requester through the network, currency  
6 type the requester prefers and currency type the seller prefers.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein said step of determining  
trade costs further comprises:

performing an exchange rate calculation using the initial cost  
of the item and the currency type the requester prefers and the  
currency type the seller prefers,

7           determining tariff for the item, from a database, based on the  
8 country the item is to be shipped from and the country the item is  
to be shipped to,

9           determining delivery costs associated with the item, from a  
10 database, based on the country the item is to be shipped from and  
11 the country the item is to be shipped to,

12 calculating value for duty to be added to the initial cost  
13 based on the country the item is to be shipped from and the country  
14 the item is to be shipped to,

15 calculating value added taxes based on the country the item is  
16 to be shipped from and the country the item is to be shipped to,  
17 and

arriving at the total landed cost by adding to the total  
initial cost the value for the duty, the value added taxes, the  
tariff, and the delivery costs.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of  
displaying, over the network, to the requester, the total landed  
cost.

1 5. The method of claim 3, wherein said step of determining  
2 tariff for the item further comprises the steps of:

3            sending a request through the network containing an item  
4            description to the country the item is to be shipped to, and  
5            receiving, by the requester, through the network, the tariff  
6            information.

6. The method of claim 3, wherein said step of determining  
tariff for the item further comprises the step of:

searching, in the database, a harmonized tariff schedule of  
the country the item is to be shipped to for the tariff associated  
to the item.

1            7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
2            transmitting, through the network, the total landed cost to  
3            the requester.

1 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
2 displaying, thorough the network, the total landed cost.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the requester is a  
potential buyer.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the requester is the owner  
of the item.

1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the item is a service.

1 12. The method of claim 1, wherein the item is a product.

1           13. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
2           receiving, over the network, a request for comparison of total  
3           landed cost of an item in multiple countries,  
4           calculating total landed cost for the item in each country  
5           requested, and  
6           displaying, through the network, total landed cost of the item  
            in each country requested.

14. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
  
            receiving a purchase order over the network, from the  
requester for the seller item,  
  
            notifying the seller, through the network, the requester has  
5           agreed to purchase the seller item, and  
6           consumating a monetary exchange through the network.

1           15.     A method for creating and searching a national  
2 procurement electronic catalog, comprising the steps of:

3           receiving item information through a network into an  
4 electronic catalog,

5           placing the item into categories based on national standard  
6 classification codes, and

            associating a country where the item resides to the item in  
the electronic catalog.

16. The method of claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

            receiving a search request through the network containing a  
standard classification code, and

4           returning, through the network, items within the standard  
5 classification code.

1           17. The method of claim 16, further comprising the steps of:  
2           receiving, through the network, a country to be searched, and  
3           returning, through the network, a subset of items within the  
4           standard classification code within the country to be searched.

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19 ~~18~~. The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of:  
displaying, through the network, the items returned.

10 ~~19~~. The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of:  
displaying, through the network, the subset of items returned.



1           20. The method of claim 15, further comprising the steps of:  
2           determining trade costs associated with the item,  
3           adding the trade costs to cost of the item resulting in the  
4           total landed cost of the item, and  
5           returning, through the network, the total landed cost of the  
6           item.

21. The method of claim 20, further comprising the steps of:  
  
          receiving, through the network, identity of the country the  
item is to be shipped from and identity of the country the item is  
to be shipped to, and  
  
          receiving, through the network, type of currency the requester  
prefers and type of currency of the seller prefers.

1           22. The method of claim 21, further comprising the steps of:  
2           *Duty* performing an exchange rate calculation using the initial cost  
3 of the item and the type of currency the requester prefers and the  
4 type of currency the seller prefers,

5           determining tariff for the item based on the country the item  
6 is to be shipped from and the country the item is to be shipped to,

          determining delivery costs associated with the item based on  
the country the item is to be shipped from and the country the item  
is to be shipped to,

          calculating value for the duty to be added to the initial cost  
based on the country the item is to be shipped from and the country  
the item is to be shipped to,

          calculating value added taxes based on the country the item is  
to be shipped from and the country the item is to be shipped to,  
and

16           arriving at the total landed cost by adding to the total  
17 initial cost the value for the duty, the value added taxes, the  
18 tariff, and the delivery costs.

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23. The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of:  
displaying, through the network, the total landed cost.

1 24. The method of claim 15, wherein the item is a service.

25. The method of claim 15, wherein the item is a product.

26. The method of claim 15, wherein the electronic catalog is  
a database.

1 *Dep 27* 27. A system for facilitating worldwide commercial business  
2 to business and government electronic commerce based on national  
3 deployment, said system comprising:

4 a network coupling a plurality of country specific systems;  
5 and

6 a plurality of country specific systems, each of the plurality  
7 of country specific systems including:

an application server computer;

a data server computer having a database containing  
subscriber information and a database containing country trade  
variables, said data server computer being connected to said  
application server computer; and

an electronic commerce program, residing within said  
application server, for facilitating country to country trade.

1 *Sub B5* 28. The system of claim 27, wherein said electronic commerce  
2 program further comprises:

3 means for determining trade costs associated with an item.

1           29. The system of claim 28, wherein said electronic commerce  
2 program further comprises:

3           means for receiving identity of a country the item is to be  
4 shipped from and identity of a country the item is to be shipped  
5 to; and

6           means for receiving type of currency the requester prefers and  
7 type of currency of the seller prefers.

8           30. The system of claim 29, wherein said electronic commerce  
9 program further comprises:

10           means for performing an exchange rate calculation using the  
11 initial cost of the item and the type of currency the requester  
prefers and the type of currency the seller prefers;

12           means for determining tariff for the item based on the country  
the item is to be shipped from and the country the item is to be  
shipped to;

13           means for determining delivery costs associated with the item  
based on the country the item is to be shipped from and the country  
the item is to be shipped to;

12 means for calculating value for the duty to be added to the  
13 initial cost based on the country the item is to be shipped from  
14 and the country the item is to be shipped to;

15 means for calculating value added taxes based on the country  
16 the item is to be shipped from and the country the item is to be  
17 shipped to; and

18 means for arriving at a total landed cost by adding to the  
19 total initial cost the value for the duty, the value added taxes,  
20 the tariff, and the delivery costs.

21 31. The system of claim 30, wherein said electronic commerce  
22 program further comprises:

23 means for returning, through the network, total landed cost of  
24 the item.

1           32. The system of claim 30, wherein said electronic commerce  
2 program further comprises:

3           means for displaying, through the network, the total landed  
4 cost of the item.

37 Data 33. The system for of claim 27, wherein country trade  
variables comprise a tariff, a value added tax, a delivery cost,  
trading partner agreements, and a duty.

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